

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates is both an abuse of public airwaves and a dodge of campaign finance laws.

The public is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. I can only wonder what special tax breaks, legislation and favors Pappas expects in return. Such abuse threatens our democracy.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.